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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed September 30, 2003. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required:

Group I:

Claims 1-9, drawn to an aqueous peracid treatment composition

comprising a peracid and a surfactant.

Group II:

Claims 10-23, drawn to a process for removing an inorganic soil

composition from a surface.

Group III:

Claims 24-57, drawn to a process and odor component from a gaseous

effluent.

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Applicant has chosen to elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-9, with traverse.

Respectfully submitted,

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